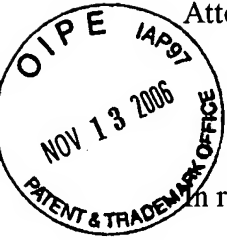


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.17 and 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 18, 2006. With a one-month extension of time, the time period for reply is set to expire on November 18, 2006. A check in the amount of \$60.00 for the extension-of-time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) is enclosed.

If extensions of time other than those provided herewith are required to allow consideration of papers accompanying this Petition, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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